

# Lothians Conservation Volunteers

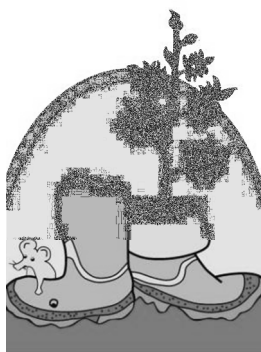
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*We are a Scottish Charity, run entirely by volunteers, and we've been doing conservation work in and around Edinburgh for over forty-five years.*

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*Charity number SC020384*



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Hello again,

As we enter a new LCV season, there have been a few changes. We have now achieved the necessary committee and full membership agreement to convert LCV to a SCIO and will be putting in our application very shortly, once a few small, remaining details are sorted out.

In addition we have some new faces on the committee! We are very happy to welcome Ian Mat Som as social organiser, a post which has been somewhat neglected for some time. Ian has put together a full and varied list of social events and we hope to see you all at at least one of them. We are also hoping to have a new Mucker Editor by the time we get to Issue 176.

Less happily, Sean Smith has had to stand down as Publicity Officer but has been replaced by Heili Nellis who has moved from the Fundraising post to carry on the good work Sean has been doing.

Louisa will be looking after Fundraising in the short term but if anyone is interested in taking on this role then please do get in touch.

And of course, as always, we would love to hear from anyone who thinks they might like to help out with driving our minibus! We can arrange for D1 training.

*William McSporran, Co-ordinator*

# **How to book and what to bring**

## **Saturday and Sunday Tasks**

We meet on the north side of St Andrew Square at 9.30am prompt — look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30pm. Bring a woolly hat, waterproofs, a packed lunch and boots or wellies — steel toe caps are recommended. If you have your own work gloves you might want to bring them, though we do have gloves that anyone can borrow. Pack plenty of drinking water and wear warm clothes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Transport is free: phone Debbie, our Transport Secretary, by the Friday evening before the task to book your seat so that we know how many tools to take and don't go without you. Early booking is recommended. We only have twelve seats in the bus, so please do come if you've booked or others will miss out. If the bus is full, or if it's easier for you, you can meet us at the task site, but please inform Debbie so we can confirm the meeting point and arrival time with you. We don't cancel if it's raining. Age limits: Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and cannot travel in our minibus. We ask under 18s to please tell us your age when booking. Please ensure that your tetanus vaccination is up to date.

## **Residential Tasks**

Residentials are great fun and they allow LCV to undertake larger tasks further away from Edinburgh. They involve a weekend away to work on the Saturday and Sunday. We leave on Friday night and usually take in a chip shop on the way. We get back to Edinburgh on Sunday evening.

Regardless of the time of year, bring a complete change of clothing so that you can get out of your work clothes in the evening. Remember that the weather can be very changeable, so bring a warm jumper and hat and above all don't forget a waterproof jacket and trousers and sturdy footwear. A water bottle is recommended. Unless otherwise indicated you'll probably need to take a sleeping bag and, if sleeping on the floor, a Karrimat or air-bed.

On residential tasks, breakfasts, lunches and the evening meal are organised by a volunteer. Everyone helps to prepare the food. The fare is usually vegetarian and there is plenty of it. Food for a weekend usually works out at £8 to £10 each. Pickup is from St Andrew Square at 7.30pm on Friday, unless otherwise stated. If you want to go on a residential task, please book with Debbie, our Transport Secretary. Bookings will be accepted for weekend residential tasks up to the preceding Wednesday evening.

## **Monthly committee meetings**

Every second Tuesday of the month we have a meeting to discuss LCV business at 16 Forth Street off Broughton Street. We leave a notice near the door with a mobile number to call so we can let you in. All are welcome to the meeting; we usually go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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**Matt McCabe**

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**Louisa Martin**  
(offers to take over extremely welcome!)  
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(take over expected by next edition. Thanks!)

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Like us on **Facebook**: [www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers)

Follow us on **Instagram**:  
<https://www.instagram.com/lothiansconservationvolunteers>

Join our Yahoo **Newsgroup**: to join our newsgroup, lcvnews, send an email to [webmaster@lcv.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lcv.org.uk)

## Upcoming events

For more details on any event check out our website: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

## Conservation tasks

|     |               |                         |                                  |
|-----|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oct | Sat 1         | Gullane                 | Sea buckthorn control            |
|     | Sun 2         | Red Moss                | Birch pulling                    |
|     | Sun 9         | Easter Craiglockhart    | Meadow raking                    |
|     | Sun 16        | Leadburn                | Tree weeding                     |
|     | Sun 23        | Valleyfield Pond        | Pond management                  |
|     | Fri 28-Sun 30 | Carsegowan / Carstramon | Birch and beech control          |
| Nov | Sun 6         | Bawsinch                | Dogwood control                  |
|     | Sun 13        | Spottiswoode            | Brash burning and birch thinning |
|     | Sat 19        | Gore Glen               | Broom clearance                  |
|     | Sun 20        | Holyrood Park           | Gorse cutting                    |
|     | Sat 26        | Falls of Clyde          | Creating sand martin bank        |
|     | Sun 27        | Hopetoun Monument       | Gorse cutting                    |
| Dec | Sun 4         | Bawsinch                | Dogwood control                  |
|     | Sun 11        | Holyrood Park           | Gorse cutting                    |
|     | Sun 18        | Spottiswoode            | Brash burning and birch thinning |

## Social events

|     |        |       |  |
|-----|--------|-------|--|
| Oct | Sat 1  | 12:00 | SWT Walk: Musselburgh Lagoons                    |
|     | Tue 11 | 19:30 | Committee meeting followed by pub trip           |
|     | Thu 20 | 19:30 | SWT Talk: Edinburgh Living Landscape             |
|     | Sat 29 | 19:30 | Edinburgh Brass Band concert                     |
|     | Mon 31 | 19:00 | Halloween special - Young Frankenstein screening |
| Nov | Tue 8  | 19:30 | Committee meeting followed by pub trip           |
|     | Thu 10 | 19:30 | SWT Talk: Timing is everything: Phenology        |
|     | Tue 15 | 18:30 | "Climate-smart food" talk, Uni. of Edinburgh     |
|     | Wed 16 | 19:30 | ENHS talk : From Beavers to Zombies              |
|     | Mon 28 | 18:30 | Brass Monkey Pub Quiz                            |
| Dec | Mon 5  | 19:00 | RZSS Talk: Cat Conservation                      |
|     | Tue 13 | 19:30 | Committee meeting followed by pub trip           |
|     | Thu 15 | 19:00 | Xmas Market night                                |
|     | Sun 18 | TBC   | Mulled wine and mince pie night                  |